Action against LPG dealers in Uttar Pradesh

*346. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received against LPG dealers in Uttar Pradesh about delayed supply of refilled gas cylinders by the consumers during the last year;

(b) what are the details of action taken by Government against those dealers; and

(c) what preventive measures are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) During the period April 1, 1988 to January 31, 1989, about 344 complaints were received by the oil companies against LPG distributors of Uttar Pradesh in this regard.

(b) and (c) The complaints received by the oil companies against LPG distributors in this regard are investigated promptly, wherever necessary, and appropriate action, ranging from warning letters to even termination of distributorships in some cases, is taken against the erring LPG distributors in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

दिल्ली में रसोई गैस की नई एजेंसियों का आवंटन

*347 **श्री चतरानन मिश्र :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली में अनेक नई गैस एजेंसियों का आवंटन करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा विशेषतया यमुना-पार के क्षेत्रों में कितनी एजेंसियां आवंटित की जायेंगी ; और

(ग) इन नई प्रस्तावित एजेंसियों में से अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों के लिये कितनी एजेंसियां आरक्षित की गई है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्मदत्त) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। वर्तमान सुविधाओं के अतिरिक्त तेल उद्योग द्वारा 1988-89 तक की अपनी वार्षिक एल पी जी विपणन योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत दिल्ली में 42 और एल पी जी वितरण केन्द्र खोलने की योजना है, जिसमें यमुना पार क्षेत्रों में 7 वितरण केन्द्र शामिल है।

(ग) प्रस्तावित 42 एलपीजी वितरण केन्द्रों में से 7 वितरण केन्द्र "अनुसूचित जाति" श्रेणी के उम्मीदवारों के लिये आरक्षित है।

Public Call Offices in Kerala

*348. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Public Call Offices in Kerala is comparatively small; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to provide adequate telephone facilities to the people of that State particularly for the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The number of Public Call Offices in Kerala comparatively is not small. There are 2980 public call offices in the State as on 31-1-89. As per the policy of the Department it is planned to provide at least one telecom facility within about 5 km. of every inhabited place in the country. For this purpose hexagons of 5 km. side have been marked all over the country and a principal village preferably a Panchayat Headquarter in, it is earmarked to provide this facility. The objective is to cover all the hexagons progressively in the 8th Five Year Plan. In Kerala there are 536 such inhabited hexagons out of which 531 have been provided with telecom facility which